

Annual Report

July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

A. DISTRICT NAME

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C. MEETINGS

Number of SWCD Board Meetings Held:

12

Number of Special Meetings Held by Board:

1

ANNUAL MEETING -Open House

Number Attending:

58

OTHER INFORMATION EDUCATION MEETINGS (specify type)

TYPE	No. of Meetings	No. Attending
Intensive Grazing School (Host)	1	28
Forage & Beef Conference (Sponsorship)	1	138
Poster Contest Reception	1	70

D. ACTIVITIES

CONTESTS

	No. of Schools	No. of Entries
Poster Contest	7	586
Envirothon (Sponsorship-Central Region)	20	100

AWARDS

	Yes or No
Family Cooperator Award	Yes
Volunteer Award	Yes

PUBLICITY

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

ISSUES/YEAR	CIRCULATION
2	945
WebSite (e-mail notification list)	187

	Number of
Radio Ads	1
Newspaper Articles	12 x 4, 5 x 5
Public Displays	5
Web Page	updated regularly

Gasconade Republican, Hermann Advertiser, Bland Courier,
Cuba Free Press, County News Live

TOURS AND FIELD DAYS

Type of Tours and Field Days	No. of Tours	Attendance
4th Grade Field Day	2	250
CCPI Tour	1	35
River Relief Project	2	240
USDA Open House	1	25
Day with Wildlife	1	300

RENTAL AND SALES

Equipment Type	Rental Fee	No. of
John Deere 10'Drill/acre (10 acre minimum)	\$10/\$9*	779
Great Plains 7' Drill/acre (10 acre minimum)	\$10/\$9*	378.5
Rotowiper/day	\$25.00	9
Burn Equipment/use	\$10.00	3
ATV Equipment/day per piece	\$20.00	3
ATV Warm Season Grass Seeder/day	Free	6
Soil Probe/use	Free	23
Audio Equipment/use	Free	2

*Over 50 acres

Items Sold by District	Donation
Flags	\$ 50.00
Plat Books	\$ 506.00

OTHER

E.

No. of Cooperators Waiting for Service: 42
Average Time Waiting for First Contact: 1 week

Were accomplishments presented to county commission? Yes
Was budget presented to county commission? Yes

F. CURRENT DISTRICT STAFF

Name	<u>Diana Mayfield</u>	Job Title	<u>District Program Specialist II</u>
Phone Number	<u>573-437-3478 ext 3</u>	Termination Date	<u> </u>
Start Date	<u>20-Jan-00</u>		
Email Address	<u>diana.mayfield@swcd.mo.gov</u>		
		Hours Worked Per Year	<u>2080</u>
Current Hourly Wage	<u>\$13.70</u>		
Primary Staff Contact Y/N	<u>Yes</u>		

Name	<u>Kory Hubbard</u>	Job Title	<u>District Technician I</u>
Phone Number	<u>573-437-3478 ext 109</u>	Termination Date	<u> </u>
Start Date	<u>22-May-12</u>		
Email Address	<u>kory.hubbard@swcd.mo.gov</u>		
		Hours Worked Per Year	<u>240</u>
Current Hourly Wage	<u>\$10.75</u>		
Primary Staff Contact Y/N	<u>No</u>		

Name	<u>Terry J. Dubois</u>	Job Title	<u>District Technician II</u>
Phone Number	<u>573-437-3478 ext 109</u>	Termination Date	<u>16-Mar-12</u>
Start Date	<u>20-Apr-09</u>		
Email Address			
		Hours Worked Per Year	<u>1520</u>
Current Hourly Wage	<u>\$13.35</u>		
Primary Staff Contact Y/N	<u>No</u>		

**Gasconade County
Soil and Water Conservation District**

**Narrative Report 2012
July 1, 2011– June 30, 2012**

The Gasconade County Soil and Water Conservation District's (SWCD) primary goal for the county is to conserve our natural resources. All programs and related activities are based on reaching the goal of "T".

Gasconade County SWCD programs and activities encourage participation by the public, which include our children, who will be the future leaders of our nation. Some of the activities and programs of the district, which are funded by Administrative funds and local funds include:

- **Intensive Grazing School** –We hosted an Intensive Grazing School at the Owensville Lion Hall on May 10 – 11, 2013. There were 28 attendees at this course.
- **4th Grade Field Day** – The District organized and sponsored their eleventh 4th Grade Field Day on September 28th and 29th. There were 225 students, volunteers, and staff at this event. This year, the Gerald School System was invited to attend and they had a marvelous time. The students were allowed to visit eight different educational stops on the Dennis and Brenda Kurrelmeyer Farm north of Owensville, MO. The lunch for the students and staff was provided by local businesses and prepared by volunteers. Conservation Agent Jason Eikermann presented the lunch time program by discussing animal pelts and the animal's habits.
- **River Relief Project** –We were a part of the Missouri River Relief Project along with FSA, MDC, NRCS, and the River Relief Crew. We spent two days at the river conducting a program on watersheds for Junior and Senior High School children. The children rotated between 4 sites on land and then loaded up on the boats and assisted with loading up trash from the banks of the river. This program enabled them to learn about the environment as well as providing a public service to the community. There were 240 students from the Owensville and Hermann Schools – both public and private.
- **CCPI Streambank Tour** – The first CCPI Streambank stabilization project was completed and we hosted a tour on October 20th at the site. Thirty-five people attended this tour including a representative from US Congressman Blain Luetkemeyer's office, the project contractors, and Area II Conservationist and Engineers. The District provided a light dinner for those in attendance.
- **Forage and Beef Conference** – The Forage and Beef Conference for the area was held in Cuba on February 13th with approximately 134 people in attendance. An evening meal was provided at the end of the conference. There were several guest speakers talking on a wide range of subjects, from economic outlook to residual feed intake. There were several vendors at this event, who donated door prizes that were presented throughout the course of the evening. We had two staff members at the meeting, who helped with set up/down and registration.
- **Day with Wildlife** – February 11th was the Day with Wildlife at the Owensville Middle School. We conducted a booth where landowners were introduced to our programs and the children had the opportunity to make "soil babies." We made 99 soil babies that day! We had a young volunteer, Kelsey Brandt, who quickly adapted to instructing her peers on how to make "soil babies" and the difference between "dirt" and "soil".
- **2012 Open House** – In lieu of an Annual Meeting, the district hosted an Open House at the USDA Service Center. There were 58 landowners who stopped by and enjoyed a hamburger luncheon that was prepared by Board Members. Cookies were provided by FSA, NRCS and SWCD staff members. The State and Area II Conservationists stopped by to visit with us during this time. The District Chairman presented the Conservation Family Award to Mike and Sandy Stockton. The District Conservationist presented the Volunteer Award to Shelley Lottmann at a later time. The District also presented a Conservation Partnership Award to the Gasconade County Commission at their April 5th Commission Meeting at the Owensville City Hall. Two Board members attended this presentation.
- **Poster Contest** - This year's theme was "Soil to Spoon." The poster contest is open to any student in Gasconade County in Grades 2 thru 8. We receive 580 posters from 7 schools and our three judges had a very difficult time in making their selections. The awards were presented at special awards banquet at the Owensville Middle School on March 23, 2012. There were 70 people in attendance at this meeting. The Board provided refreshments for this event.
- **Community Support:** The GCSWCD District Manager was the lead person for the USDA Service Center participation in Operation Christmas and the Feds Feed Families Program. For Operation Christmas we serviced 3 families and we donated approximately 250 lbs of food to the local food bank.

The District still owns a 10 ft. John Deere no-till drill, a 7 ft. Great Plains no-till drill, an ATV sprayer, seeder, and disk, and a Rotowiper. The District also has burn equipment and soil probes available for public use. An ATV Warm Season Spreader is available free of charge.

A semi-annual newsletter was mailed to approximately 947 cooperators at each mailing this past fiscal year. The newsletter is now located on the District Web site. We are currently sending the newsletter via e-mail to 101 landowners. The purpose of this newsletter is to make the landowners more aware of district goals, programs, and accomplishments in controlling soil erosion, water quality, etc. The newsletter also contains information and events for the cooperating partners - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), and Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). The funding of this newsletter has been made possible by the soil and parks tax and local funding.

The Soil and Water Conservation District co-sponsored the Mid-MO Grassland Competition. The District sent one staff member to assist with the Regional Envirothon, which serviced 105 high school students.

The District Staff works with NRCS to assist with the Federal Programs that are being implemented.

The NRCS, FSA, MDC, University Missouri Extension, County Contractors, the County Commission, and county and state public officials continue to be very supportive of the District.

A combination of the news media, radio, a District Newsletter, website, correspondence, and personal contacts are used to keep the public informed of state programs and Board sponsored activities.

Based on the new resource concerns, the following have been claimed: (4) Sheet/Rill & Gully (18) Grazing System Management; (9) Woodland Erosion; (5) Sensitive Area; (5) Nutrient/Pest Management. The District has claimed \$73,165.31 which is 49% of our fiscal year allocation of \$150,020.00.

This is the second year for the District's proposed Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI), "Stabilizing Streambank Erosion Issues within the Bourbeuse Watershed in Gasconade County, MO." We have two FY11 EQIP contracts for a combined total of \$85,307. These contracts are currently seeking the Corps of Engineering permits. The partners for this CCPI are Farm Service Agency, Missouri Department of Conservation, Gasconade County Commission, and Representative Tom Loehner.

Two office personnel and one supervisor attended the State Training Conference held in November-December.

Two office personnel and three board members attended the Area 5 Annual Meeting in Warrenton.

The Annual Plan of Action is followed monthly as a guideline for district activities during the year. The District is continually looking for educational opportunities.

The District hired a new District Technician in May of 2012.

The Gasconade County Board of Supervisors meets regularly on the first Monday of each month. However, effective January 1, 2011, the meeting date has been moved to the first Tuesday of every month. During the summer months the board is meeting at 7:30 instead of 8 p.m. The agenda for each meeting is posted in the USDA Service Center on the Wednesday before each meeting. The County Commissioners, Natural Resources Conservation District Area Staff, and the Department of Natural Resources are invited to each meeting and any visitors wishing to attend the meetings are encouraged to do so. The County Commissioners have attended quite frequently as well as the DNR District Coordinator.

The Board of Supervisors continues to stress the need for soil and water conservation and they are very conscious of their responsibility of being faithful stewards of tax payer dollars.